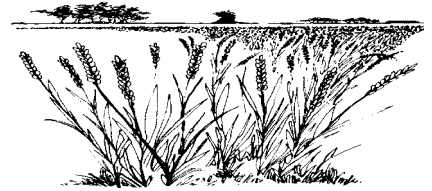


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## CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP VALUE

The estimated value of California's 2001 field crop production, at \$2.69 billion, was 1 percent above the \$2.66 billion value of 2000. Production of the major field crops in California during 2001 totaled 24.1 million tons, down 8 percent from the 26.4 million tons produced in 2000. The 4.12 million acres harvested in 2001 were down 6 percent from the 4.40 million acres harvested in 2000. Winter Wheat, Durum Wheat, American Pima Cotton, Alfalfa hay, and hay other than alfalfa increased in total value for 2001.



## CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP VALUES BY COMMODITY

Crop and Year a/	Acres Harvested 1,000	Yield Per Acre	Production 1,000	Unit	Average Price b/ Dollars	Value of Production \$1,000
Corn 99	185.0	4.76	880.6	Tons	89.29	78,625
For 00	205.0	4.76	975.8	Tons	87.14	85,034
Grain 01	160.0	4.76	761.6	Tons	89.29	68,000
Corn 99	335.0	26.00	8,710.0	Tons	---	---
For 00	330.0	26.00	8,580.0	Tons	---	---
Silage 01	315.0	26.00	8,190.0	Tons	---	---
Oats 99	25.0	1.36	34.0	Tons	93.75	3,188
For 00	25.0	1.20	30.0	Tons	96.88	2,906
Grain 01	15.0	0.96	14.4	Tons	103.13	1,485
Barley 99	100.0	1.54	153.6	Tons	97.50	14,976
For 00	95.0	1.63	155.0	Tons	98.75	15,310
Grain 01	110.0	1.27	139.9	Tons	97.92	13,701
Winter 99	370.0	2.34	865.8	Tons	91.67	79,365
Wheat 00	390.0	2.10	819.0	Tons	89.00	72,891
For Grain 01	380.0	2.10	798.0	Tons	100.00	79,800
Durum 99	85.0	3.15	267.8	Tons	123.33	33,023
Wheat 00	97.0	3.00	291.0	Tons	106.33	30,943
For Grain 01	81.0	3.15	255.2	Tons	128.33	32,744
Rice 99	505.0	72.70	36,690.0	Cwt.	6.97	255,729
00	548.0	79.40	43,521.0	Cwt.	4.99	217,170
01	471.0	81.70	38,490.0	Cwt.	3.60	138,564
Cotton, 99	605.0	1,254.00	1,580.0	Bales	56.20	426,221
Upland 00	770.0	1,378.00	2,210.0	Bales	52.00	551,616
Lint c/ 01	635.0	1,361.00	1,800.0	Bales	43.50	375,840
Cotton, 99	239.0	1,210.00	602.7	Bales	85.10	246,191
American 00	144.0	1,154.00	346.3	Bales	101.00	167,886
Pima g/ 01	229.0	1,300.00	620.0	Bales	94.00	279,744
Cottonseed 99	---	---	799.0	Tons	137.00	109,463
00	---	---	909.0	Tons	139.00	126,351
01	---	---	875.0	Tons	142.00	124,250
Hay, 99	1,580.0	5.56	8,782.0	Tons	89.00	767,325
All d/ 00	1,530.0	5.60	8,568.0	Tons	90.50	768,978
01	1,540.0	5.79	8,915.0	Tons	116.00	1,020,510
Hay, 99	1,050.0	6.90	7,245.0	Tons	90.00	652,050
Alfalfa 00	1,020.0	7.00	7,140.0	Tons	92.00	656,880
01	1,010.0	7.20	7,272.0	Tons	120.00	872,640
Hay, 99	530.0	2.90	1,537.0	Tons	75.00	115,275
All Other 00	510.0	2.80	1,428.0	Tons	78.50	112,098
01	530.0	3.10	1,643.0	Tons	90.00	147,870
Beans, 99	132.0	18.60	2,455.0	Cwt.	27.00	66,285
Dry Edible 00	112.0	18.40	2,059.0	Cwt.	26.80	55,181
e/ 01	89.0	18.00	1,602.0	Cwt.	30.00	48,060
Sugar 99	108.0	32.00	3,456.0	Tons	36.80	127,181
Beets 00	92.5	34.00	3,145.0	Tons	30.40	95,608
f/ 01	45.0	35.70	1,607.0	Tons	g/	g/

a/ Data for 2001 is preliminary.

b/ Marketing year average prices. Does not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, crop deficiency payments or disaster payments.

c/ Cotton yield in pounds; production in 480-pound net weight bales; lint price on hundredweight basis. The 2001 price is the average to January 1, 2002.

d/ Estimated marketings of alfalfa and other hay are used as weights to calculate all hay price.

e/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

f/ Relates to year of intended harvest except for overwintered spring planted beets.

g/ Not available.

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## CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - JANUARY 2002

Prices received by California farmers at mid-January were above December for fall potatoes. Prices for winter potatoes remained unchanged from December. Barley, all potatoes, all types of hay, dry edible beans, Upland cotton lint, and cottonseed were below the previous month. Mid-January prices for wheat were not published to avoid possible disclosure. Prices were above a year earlier for dry edible beans, all potatoes, fall potatoes, and all types of hay. Winter potatoes, Upland cotton lint, and cottonseed were below January 2001's level.

### U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January was 96, using a 1990-92=100 base period, up one point (1 percent) from the December Index. Price increases for tomatoes, lettuce, cattle, and hogs more than offset decreased prices for cotton, broccoli, turkeys, and milk. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell often effects the overall index. Higher marketings for cattle, corn, soybeans, and hogs more than offset decreased marketings of tobacco, grapes, cotton, and milk.

Compared with January 2001, the All Farm Products Index was unchanged. Higher prices for lettuce, broilers, oranges, and potatoes offset lower prices for cattle, soybeans, rice, and onions.

The January All Crops Index was 95, unchanged from December, but 1.1 percent above January 2001. From December, index decreases for fruit and nuts, cotton, tobacco, oil-bearing crops, feed grains, hay, and food grains offset index increases for commercial vegetables, potatoes, and dry beans.

The January Food Grains Index, at 90, was down 1.1 percent from the previous month and 3.2 percent below January 2001. The January all wheat price, at \$98.00 per ton, was up \$1.67 from December and \$3.33 above January 2001.

The January Feed Grains & Hay Index was 91, down 1.1 percent from last month, but 2.2 percent above January 2001. The corn price, at \$70.71 per ton, was unchanged from both December and January 2001. The all hay price, at \$93.00 per ton, was 70 cents below December, but \$7.80 above last January. Grain sorghum, at \$3.35 per cwt., was up nine cents from December, but four cents below January last year.

The January Cotton Index, at 48, was down 9.4 percent from December and 44 percent below January 2001. The January price, at 29 cents per pound, was down 3.2 cents from the previous month and 23.1 cents below last January.

The January Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 118, was up 1.7 percent from last month and 49 percent above January 2001. The all potato price, at \$6.84 per cwt., was down one cent from December, but \$2.28 above last January. The all dry bean price, at \$22.80 per cwt., was up \$1.40 from the previous month and \$7.70 above January 2001.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		January 2001	December 2001	Jan. 15, 2002	January 2001	December 2001	Jan. 15, 2002
		Dollars					
Corn 2/	Ton	---	---	---	70.71	70.71	70.71
Wheat 2/	Ton	3/	3/	3/	94.67	96.33	98.00
Oats 2/	Ton	---	---	---	75.63	118.75	115.00
Barley 2/	Ton	3/	95.00	90.00	83.33	90.00	85.83
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	3.39	3.26	3.35
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	5.86	4.07	4.18
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	26.90	31.20	31.10	15.10	21.40	22.80
All Potatoes 4/	Cwt.	13.30	17.80	14.80	4.56	6.85	6.84
Winter	Cwt.	21.20	19.50	19.50	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	5.45	8.65	9.35	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled	Ton	100.00	119.00	110.00	85.20	93.70	93.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Ton	102.00	124.00	114.00	91.00	102.00	101.00
Other Hay, Baled	Ton	80.00	84.00	81.00	68.90	73.00	73.70
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lb.	0.578	0.539	0.489	0.521	0.322	0.290
Cottonseed	Ton	136.00	145.00	132.00	111.00	91.00	94.00

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure.

4/ Monthly average.

### INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	Jan. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2001	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002
Prices Received - Unadjusted						
All Farm Products	613	605 1/	607	96	95 1/	96
All Crops	462	469 1/	468	94	95 1/	95
Food Grains	296	289	287	93	91	90
Feed Grains and Hay	319	329 1/	324	89	92 1/	91
Cotton	440	272 1/	245	86	53 1/	48
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	397	589 1/	597	79	116 1/	118
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes, and Wage Rates 2/	1,658	1,618 1/	1,615	125	122	121
Parity Ratio 3/	37	37 1/	38	77	78 1/	79

1/ Revised.

2/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

3/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.

## FEBRUARY 1 FALL POTATO STOCKS

California's fall potato stocks totaled 700 thousand cwt. as of February 1, 2002, down 59 percent from last year. February 1 stocks accounted for 63 percent of production, compared with 45 percent a year ago. Disappearance from month to month includes shrinkage, waste, and other losses.

The 15 major potato states held 202 million cwt. of potatoes in storage February 1, 2002, down 14 percent from last year and 3 percent below 2000. Storage accounts for 51 percent of the 2001 fall storage states' production, the same percentage as a year ago. This year's storage holds more russets, but fewer round whites than a year earlier. Disappearance of 192 million cwt., is down 14 percent from last year. Processors in the nine major states used 96.5 million cwt. of potatoes this season, down 15 percent from a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1, at 192 million cwt., is down 14 percent from the 2000 crop and 10 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993. January disappearance of 31.7 million cwt. is down 23 percent from a year ago and the lowest for this month since January 1993. Shrink and loss to this point in the season is 19.4 million cwt., down 26 percent from last year and 20 percent below two years ago.

Processing of 2001 crop potatoes totaled 96.5 million cwt. to February 1, down 15 percent from the 2000 crop and 9 percent below two years ago. In January, processors used 15.6 million cwt. of potatoes, down 13 percent from a year ago and 1 percent below two years ago.

Western states held 144 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2002, down 16 percent from last year and 4 percent below 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 13 percent from a year ago, while Washington is down 10 percent and Oregon is off 30 percent. Colorado's stocks are down 27 percent and Montana's dipped 8 percent from a year ago. California's potato holdings are down 59 percent from a year ago.

Central states accounted for 46.2 million cwt. of potato stocks this February 1, down 6 percent from 2001, but 8 percent above 2000. North Dakota's stocks are up 6 percent and Wisconsin's holdings are up 1 percent from this date last year. Michigan's potato stocks are 8 percent lower than last year, while Ohio is down 17 percent. Stocks in Minnesota are off 18 percent from a year ago and Nebraska's stocks are down 27 percent from 2001.

Eastern states stored 11.1 million cwt. of potatoes on February 1, 2002, down 17 percent from a year ago and 21 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings are down 19 percent and Pennsylvania's stocks are off 18 percent from last year. New York's potato storage is the same as a year ago.

### FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS BY STATE

State	Crop of 2000			Crop of 2001		
	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2001	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Feb. 1, 2002	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,741	1,700	45	1,113	700	63
Colorado	27,972	15,100	54	21,357	11,000	52
Idaho	152,320	87,500	57	127,980	76,000	59
Maine	17,920	10,900	61	16,120	8,800	55
Michigan	14,963	5,200	35	14,030	4,800	34
Minnesota	21,240	11,600	55	18,425	9,500	52
Montana	3,503	3,000	86	3,040	2,750	90
Nebraska	10,127	4,600	45	8,512	3,350	39
New York	5,964	1,400	23	5,942	1,400	24
North Dakota	26,950	13,700	51	26,400	14,500	55
Ohio	1,134	60	5	984	50	5
Oregon	30,683	20,000	65	20,730	14,000	68
Pennsylvania	3,510	1,100	31	3,173	900	28
Washington	105,000	44,500	42	94,400	40,000	42
Wisconsin	33,800	13,900	41	31,955	14,000	44
15-STATE TOTAL	458,827	234,260	51	394,161	201,750	51